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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

M/049/009

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Re: Letter of January 19, 2000; file No. M/049/009

Dear Wayne;

This letter is written in response to your letter of January 19, 2000 regarding the replacement reclamation contract, Tintic Utah Metals, LLC file No. M/049/009. We were unaware that DOGM considered the 1998 Reclamation Contract to be incomplete. Enclosed please find a completed contract based on our review of our files and the information provided.

As you are aware from our meeting in November, questions regarding water disposal have delayed our plans to place the Burgin mine into production. In order to continue development of our assets in an orderly manner, Tintic Utah Metals, LLC has formulated an alternative plan which includes mining from the approved Trixie mine (file No. M/049/024), processing of the gold and silver ore at the renovated Tintic mill, and placement of the tailings into a newly engineered dry stack tailings disposal pile. As the details of the plans have only recently been defined, the transfer of permit M/049/009 has been delayed beyond the dates contemplated in 1998. Be assured, it is our intention to file the necessary transfer request and supporting documentation during February 2000.

In reviewing our files, it appears that certain facilities and areas included in Sunshine's approved plan were never constructed nor the described lands disturbed. Additionally these areas are not proposed for disturbance by Tintic Utah Metals, LLC at this time. Consequently, to facilitate transfer of the permit, it seems appropriate to request release of these areas at this time so that the subject areas need not be discussed in the transfer document. The areas are discussed below.